

III. REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for extending the courtesy of a telephone interview on August 14, 2006, during which it was agreed that he would enter an Amendment After Final Rejection which merely rewrote the allowable dependent claims in independent form.

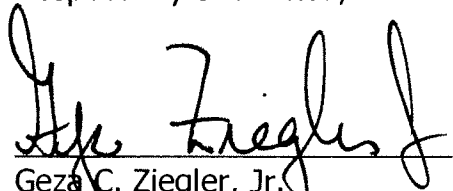
Claim 1 has been amended to add allowable claim 4. Claims 9, 14 and 29 have been amended to add allowable claim 17. Also some editorial changes to the claim language has been done to better conform them to current US practice.

Allowable claims 33 and 34 are unamended.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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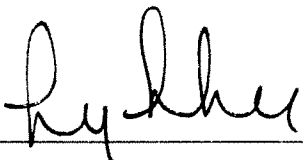
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